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SUMMARY. RECENT BROADCASTS FROM INNER MONGOLIA (COMPRISING ELEMENTS FROM THE PEKING MR) AND LIAONING ARE SPOUTING LEFTIST THEMES AND PRAISING CHIANG CHING EITHER BY NAME OR THROUGH HER MODEL VILLAGE HSIAOCHINCHUANG. END SUMMARY.

1. A MEETING HOSTED BY THE INNER MONGOLIA MILITARY DISTRICT AND ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENTIRE PEKING MILITARY REGION WAS NOTABLE FOR ITS PLAYING UP OF LEFTIST MODELS--CHIANG CHING'S HSIAOCHINCHUANG PRODUCTION BRIGADE BEING THE MOST NOTABLE AMONG THEM (HONG KONG 12426)--TO INVOLVE THE PLA IN DEEPENING THE CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT. OTHER LEFTIST MODELS INCLUDED THE SIXTH COMPANY OF A CERTAIN UNIT UNDER THE PEKING GARRISON COMMAND AND THE EIGHTH COMPANY OF A CERTAIN UNIT UNDER THE PEKING PLA UNITS, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE BEEN TOUTED PREVIOUSLY DURING THE MOVEMENT. ACCORDING TO A NOVEMBER 18 INNER
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MONGOLIA BROADCAST, YU TAI-CHUNG, CONCURRENTLY THE HEAD PARTY

AND PLA MAN IN THE PROVINCE, WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND "GAVE INSTRUCTIONS." THESE INSTRUCTIONS SEEMED TO INCLUDE A CALL FOR THE PLA TO FULLY AROUSE THE MASSES IN DEEPENING THE CURRENT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. THE PLA'S ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT WAS DEFINED AS "MILITANT" AND "A BULWARK OF THE PARTY ORGANIZATION." AS REPORTED, THE MEETING IN GENERAL HAD A DECIDEDLY LEFTIST CAST.

2. A RECENT BROADCAST FROM LIAONING (NOVEMBER 18) ALSO MAKES REFERENCE TO LEFTIST THEMES, AND TO CHIANG CHING IN PARTICULAR. AT A LIAONING PARTY COMMITTEE FORUM ON LITERATURE AND ART, HELD OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 10, THE HSIAOCHINCHUANG EXPERIENCE WAS CITED AS A MODEL FROM WHICH THE MASSES ARE CURRENTLY LEARNING, WHILE CHIANG CHING WAS PERSONALLY PRAISED FOR PROVIDING "EXAMPLES IN GRASPING REVOLUTION IN THE SUPERSTRUCTURE."

3. COMMENT. PLA UNITS IN THE PEKING MR AS WELL AS VOICES FROM LIAONING (WHICH IS IN THE SHENYANG MR) SEEM TO BE SINGING THE PRAISES OF THE CHIANG CHING CAMP. THE CALL FOR THE PLA TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT IS THE MOST VIGOROUS TO DATE AND THE CRY TO LEARN FROM CHIANG CHING'S HSIAOCHINCHUANG EXPERIENCE MAY BE GAINING MOMENTUM. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT BOTH YU TAI-CHING AND LI TEH-SHENG (SHENYANG MR COMMANDER) SERVED FROM THE MID-1940'S TO 1951 UNDER CHEN HSI-LIEN (PEKING MR COMMANDER). CHEN WAS COMMANDER IN SHENYANG LAST YEAR WHEN A VIGOROUS AND SUCCESSFUL LEFTIST CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED FROM LIAONING TO COUNTER MODERATE GAINS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. RECENTLY, LI TEH-SHEN HAS RESURFACED AFTER MUCH POSTER CRITICISM (LIAONING RADIO BROADCAST NOVEMBER 4, 9), AND LIAONING IS AGAIN SPOUTING LEFTIST THEMES--INCLUDING SPECIFIC PRAISE OF CHIANG CHING. NOW YU TAI-CHING--THE MODEL OF THE MOST RECENT MOVEMENT OF THE CADRE GOING DOWN TO WORK (HONG KONG 11938) SEEMS TO BE CLIMBING ON BOARD. WITH THE CURRENT JOCKEYING FOR POWER GOING ON OVER PROBLEMS OF SUCCESSION, BOTH THE KEY PEKING MR AND LIAONING HIGHLIGHTING OF CHIANG CHING THEMES COULD BE SIGNIFICANT.

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